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Dual Purpose Crops...Now is the time, says Ralph Wayne, extension dairyman at the University of Minnesota, to plan for new seedings of legumes and grasses to provide ample high quality roughage in the future. These crops not only provide soil conservation protection, reduce erosion and built organic matter, but they also are the cheapest source of nutrients for dairy cows.

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More Nitrogen Needed...On the average, says the National Soil and Fertilizer Research Committee, farmers do not apply as much nitrogen in relation to phosphates as they should. Fertilizers applied to corn usually do not contain as large a proportion as should be the case to obtain maximum benefits. There are many instances when farmers apply one fourth as much nitrogen as phosphate when local conditions indicate the two plant foods should be applied in equal proportions, according to the Committee.

Order Early...Corn farmers should insist that their suppliers furnish them with mixed fertilizers containing adequate quantities of nitrogen, advises the Soil and Fertilizer Research Committee. A good way to obtain preferred fertilizers is to order early, and this applies to both high nitrogen mixes and to straight nitrogen materials such as ammonium sulphate, ammonium nitrate and sodium nitrate, says the Committee.

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10th Anniversary...The Washington County Soil Conservation District observed its 10th Anniversary with a luncheon, January 14. State Representative James W. O'Brien, County Attorney W. T. Johnson and former county agent A. L. Sjowall addressed the gathering. Among those present were district supervisors George T. Johnson, H. Clay Newman, William A. Benitt, John Kleis and Clifford Kernkamp. Others attending were M. A. Bolline, district conservationist for the SCS, G. T. McCleary, county agent, and E. H. Roney, editor of the Stillwater Gazette.

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